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SUBJECT: PRG ATTENDANCE AT WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE

MOVEMENTS WERE. I THEN ASKED WHETHER HE SERIOUSLY FELT THAT AN INTERMINABLE BOGGING DOWN WAS INEVITABLE DESPITE THE INTERESTS OF SO MANY COUNTRIES IN A SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE. HE REPLIED GLOOMILY IN THE AFFIRMATIVE, CITING THE TWO-WEEK EXTENSION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION DISCUSSIONS IN GENEVA RECENTLY.

6. BODNARAS THROUGHOUT THE DISCUSSION REPEATEDLY REFERRED TO THE COMMON INTEREST OF THE US AND THE GOR IN THE SUCCESS OF THE CONFERENCE WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS DEFINING THE NATURE OF THE PROBLEM AND FINDING A CONSENSUS OF WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT. WE CONCLUDED BY MUTUALLY AGREEING WE WOULD BE BACK IN TOUCH WHENEVER IT WAS USEFUL.

7. COMMENT: BODNARAS, DESPITE THE CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE THROUGHOUT, WAS BEING EXTREMELY SERIOUS AND EXTREMELY FRANK. IT WAS CLEAR THAT ROMANIA'S PRIMARY DESIRE IS FOR A SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE, IF ONLY BECUASE OF WHAT THIS WILL DO TO ENHANCE ROMANIA'S OWN POSITION. IT WAS EQUALY CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT IF OTHERS (READ SOVIETS) ARE GOING TO FORCE ISSUES LIKE PRG, ROMANIA

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IS NOT GOING TO PUT ITSELF IN A POSITION OF BEING

CHARGED WITH NEGLECTING ITS SOCIALIST DUTY. AT ONE POINT, REFERRING TO ROMANIA'S MEDIATION EFFORTS IN THE VIETNAM PROBLEM, BODNARAS SAID THAT ROMANIA WOULD NOT LET ANYONE CREATE A SITUATION WHICH WOULD TURN THE NORTH VIETNAMESE AGAINST THE ROMANIANS. THE MESSAGE WAS, IN SHORT, THAT ROMANIA IS PREPARED TO FIND A WAY OUT BUT IS NOT GOING TO GET LEFT BEHIND ON THIS ISSUE IF OTHERS PUSH IT AS THEY CLEARLY NOW ARE GOING TO.

8. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE ON POSSIBLE MEANS MINIMIZE LARGE SCALE HASSLE NOW LOOMING AND PREVENT TOO GREAT DIVERSION OF CONFERENCE.

(A) PLEASE GIVE ANY HELPFUL CITATIONS OR PRECEDENTS FOR ASSERTION THAT PARTICIPATION, ACCORDING UN PRACTICE, IS DETERMINED ONLY BY CONVENING BODY, NOT CONFERENCE ITSELF (PARA 1, REFTEL C). CAN UN LEGAL ADVISER AT CONFERENCE BE DEPENDED ON TO RULE IN THIS WAY AND SETTLE MATTER? WHAT WAS BACKGROUND OF CASE CITED BY BODNARAS WHEN GENEVA CONFERENCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS HELD UP TWO WEEKS ON ISSUE OF SEATING?

(B) CAN ANY USEFUL VARIATION WHATEVER BE MADE OF BODNARAS SUGGESTION THAT "TWO ADMINISTRATIONS" OF SOUTH VIETNAM BE SEATED?

(C) IS REFERENCE TO CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE USABLE AND USEFUL PROCEDURE? IF WE ARE TO RELY ON ARGUMENT DETERMINATION RE GOVERNMENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN CONFERENCE HAS BEEN MADE BY ECOSOC, PRESUMABLY ISSUE IS NOT APPROPRIATE FOR CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE. CONFERENCE RULES REQUIRE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE EXAMINE CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES AND REPORT TO CONFERENCE WITHOUT DELAY. ALSO ALLOWS REPRESENTATIVES PARTICIPATE PROVISIONALLY IN CONFERENCE PENDING DECISION ON CREDENTIALS (RULES 4 AND 5).

9. MESSAGE CLASSIFIED EXDIS BECAUSE OF BODNARAS' REMARKS ABOUT SOVIETS.

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